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Sweet Isle.

Sweet Isle, O how our hearts upleap Once more to mark thee mount the deep, Unfolding to our longing gaze Haunt after haunt of blessed bygone days.

Blue hill-sides oft in boyhood climbed, Lanes where we courted, roamed, and rhymed, Our hurling green, our dancing ground, Dear church and cottage dimly ranging round.

And now, sweet Isle, we near thy shore; Young hands wave welcome, old eyes run o'er; Till loving arms at long, long last, Have fondly folded their own exile fast!

The March of the Maguire.

My grief, Hugh Maguire,
That to-night you must go
To wreak your just ire
On our murderous, false foe;
For hark! as the blast
Thro' the bowed wood raves past,
The great oaks, aghast,
Rock, reel and crash below.

Uncheered of your spouse,
Without comfort or care,
All night you must house
In some lone, shaggy lair;
The lightning your lamp,
For your sentry the tramp
Of the thunder round your camp;
Hark! 'tis there, 'tis there!

But to-morrow your sword
More terrific shall sweep
On our foe's monstrous horde
Than this storm o'er the steep,
And his mansions lime-white
Flame with fearfuller light
Than yon bolts thro' black night
Hurled blazing down the deep.

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A Lament.

DARK, dark drives the tempest o'er Erin to-day, And rends the green leaf from the writhing oak spray: Thus struggling forlorn under Heav'n's blackest cope, Heart-tortur'd we mourn the crushed crown of our hope.

Through foemen unnumbered, in proud undismay, To Freedom's pure heights he still won us the way, Till planting elate on the proud peak our flag The fierce bolt of fate dashed him dead from the crag.

Moan, hollow wind, moan! weep, weep, heavy cloud, Sob for sob, tear for tear for the chief in his shroud! Ochone! and ochoro! our heart, hand and head, To our black, bitter sorrow on the bier you lie dead.

Arranmore Boat Song.

With swelling sail away, away! Our bark goes bounding o'er the bay. "Farewell, farewell, old Arranmore," She curtseys, curtseys to the shore.

Farewell fond wives and children dear, From ev'ry ill Heav'n keep you clear; Till thro' the surge we stagger back, As full of herring as we'll pack.

For when we've sowed and gardened here, Far off to other fields we'll steer; Our farm upon the distant deep Where all at once you till and reap.

There, there the reeling ridge we plough, Our coulter keen the cutter's prow; While fresh and fresh from out the trawl The fish by hundreds in we haul.

Thou glorious sun, gleam on above O'er Ara, Ara of our love. Ye ocean airs, preserve her peace, Ye night dews, yield her rich increase.

Until, one glitt'ring realm of grain, She waves her wand'rers home again; And we come heaping from our hold A silver crop, beside the gold. RAVES,

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Love's Ballowed Seal.

When skylarks soaring to Heav'n were pouring The trembling cadence of their long sweet cry; As lone I wandered and pensive pondered, My queen of maidens she came musing by. Her footstep faltered, She blushed and altered Her crimson 'kerchief with gesture shy; It could not hide her, And so beside her I took the mountain track to old Athy. Till as we rounded the ridge that bounded The cowslip meadow from the coom below, A sad slow tolling from far up-rolling Cast sudden shadow on my colleen's brow. In prayer low bending, She knelt, commending The parting spirit to Heav'n above, And that one motion Of pure devotion Has set a hallowed seal upon my love.

The Exiles.

O if for ev'ry tender tear
That from our aching exiled eyes
Has fallen for you, Erin dear,
Our own loved shamrocks could arise,—
They'd weave and weave a garland green
To stretch the cruel ocean through,
All, all the weary way between
Our yearning Irish hearts and you.

And oh! if ev'ry patriot prayer,

Put forth for your sad sake to God,
Could in one cloud of incense rare
Be lifted o'er your lovely sod,—
That cloud would curtain all the skies
That far and near your fairness cope,
Until upon its arch of sighs
There beamed Heav'n's rainbow smile of hope.

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TO THE

RIGHT REV. CHARLES GRAVES,

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LORD BISHOP OF LIMERICK.

Godsire and Sire, to thee belongs
Of right this wreath of Erin's songs,
Steeped in her sadness, gemmed with her gladness,
Aglow with her genius, gloomed by her wrongs.
For who of all of the ardent band
That fondly followed from strand to strand
Their leader's rapture of folk-song capture,
Forty years ago in the land,
Was dowered with a keener, kindlier sprite
Over the black notes and the white
The art to gauge that from Petrie's page
Flashes these Melodies forth to light?

A. P. G.

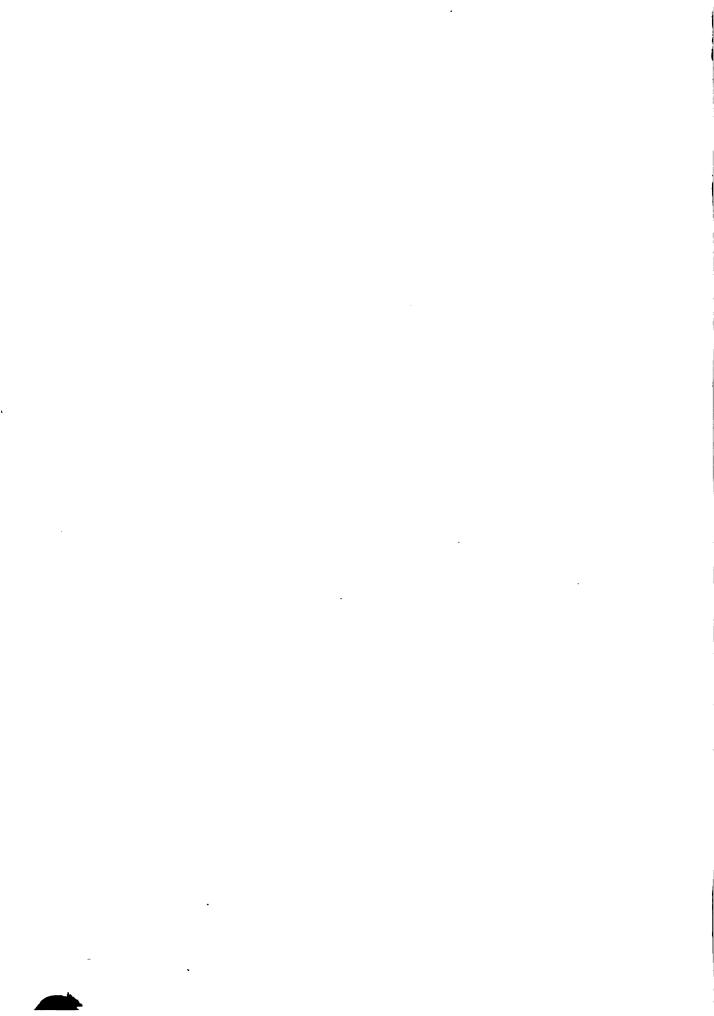
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Bawn.—The home field (p. 2).
Beimeedh a gole.—Let us be drinking (p. 94).
Brogue.—Shoe (p. 107).
Canats.—A term of contempt (p. 73).
Comether.—Spell: a contraction for "come hither" (p. 65).
Coom.—Deep valley: the Devonian combe or Welsh cwm (p. 30).
Curraghs.—Coracles: skiffs (p. 25).
Drawing the turf.—Carting away the peat (p. 4).
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Finane-Hookgrass (p. 16).
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Out in the bay.—For fishing purposes (p 4).
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Setting the turf.—Setting up the sods endways to dry (p. 3).
Slawn.—The half-spade used for digging turf or peat (p. 1).
Stravaged.—Went off in a fury (p. 21).
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THE SONG OF THE TURF.

(Air. Arthur of this Town.)













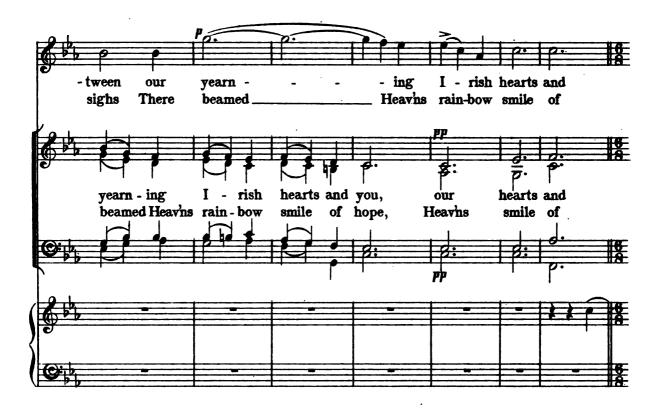
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(Air. Thou old man of my heart.)



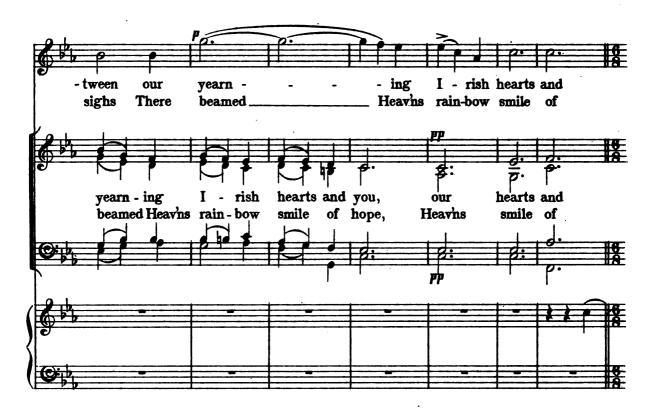
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THE ZEPHYRS BLEST.

(Air. My wife is sick.)

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COLONEL CARTY.

(Air. Oh! what shall I do with this silly old man?)



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THE PLOUGHMAN'S WHISTLE.







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LOVE'S HALLOWED SEAL.

(Air. Consider well, all ye pretty young maids.)





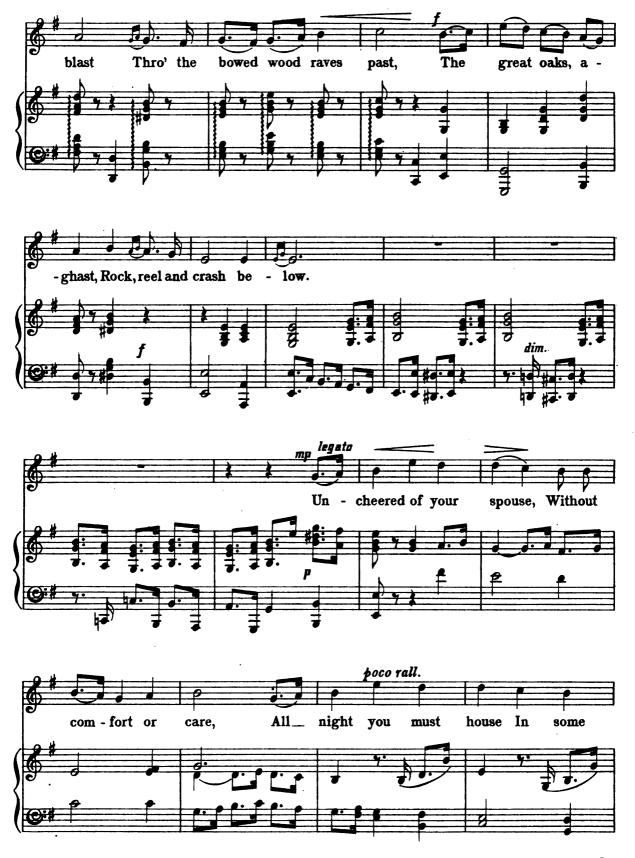


THE MARCH OF THE MAGUIRE.

(Air. The yellow Blanket.)



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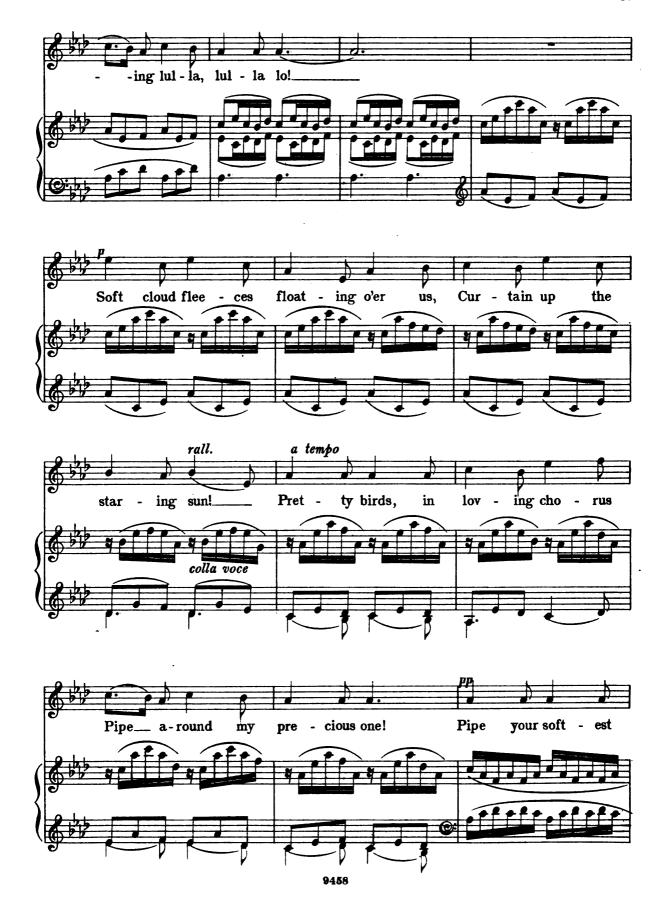


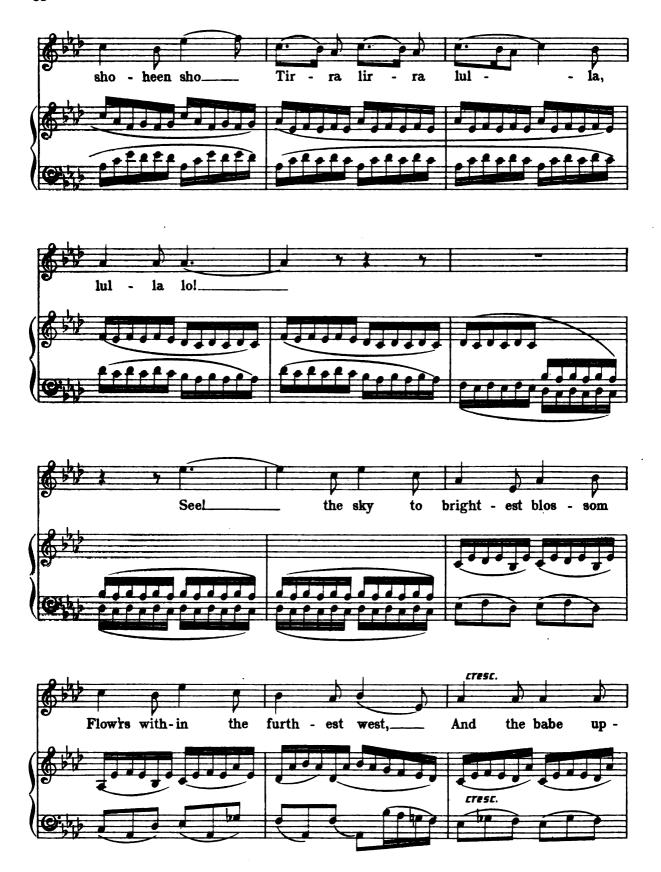


LULLABY.

(Luimneach.)





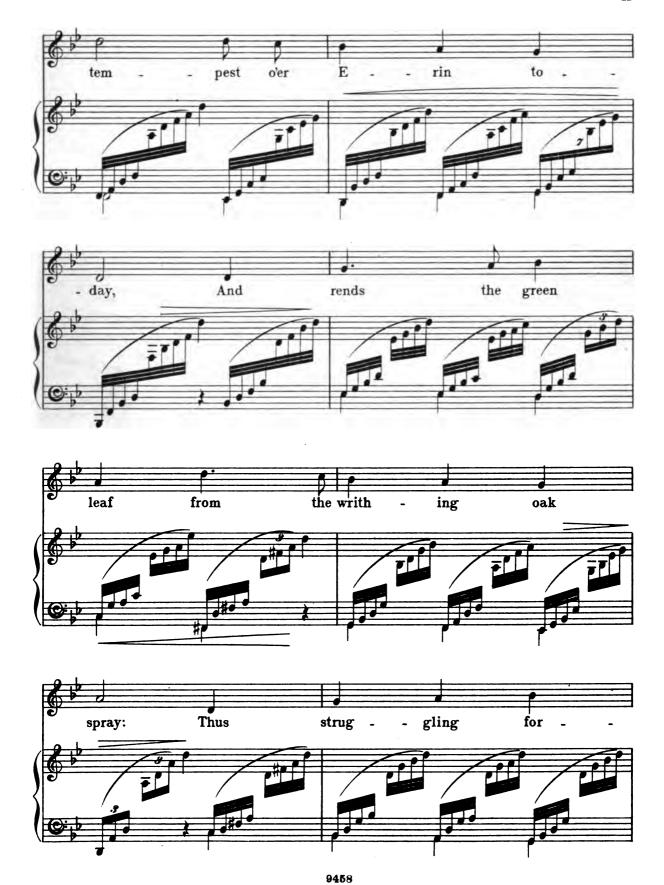




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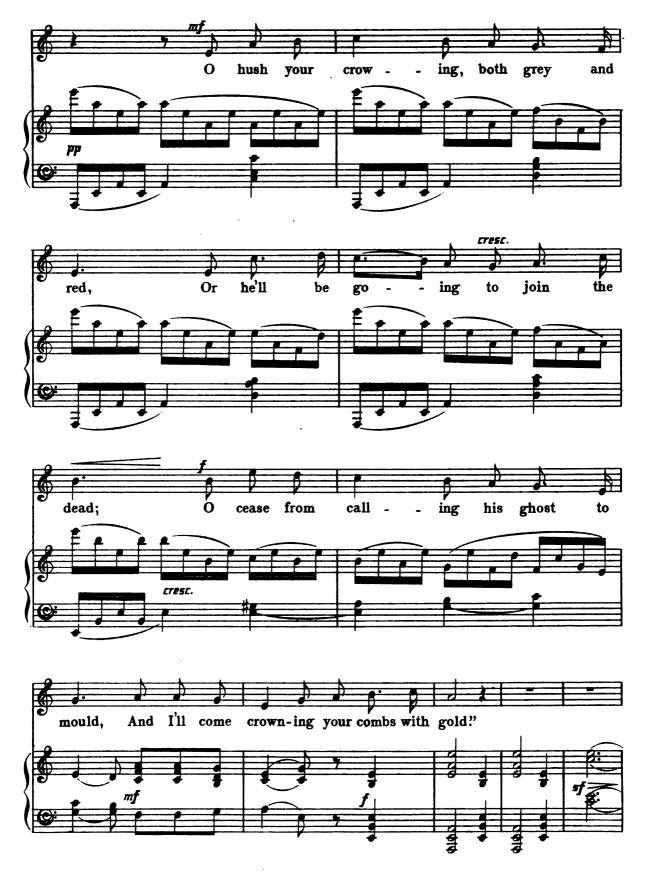


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SILVER AND GOLD

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MAVOURNEEN DHU.



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THE DARLING.



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O MARY, THY LAUGH WAS SWEET.









HUSH SONG. (LUIMNEACH.)









THE KILKENNY CATS.

(Air Better let them alone.)



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SWEET ISLE.

(Air. O'Connor's Lament.)







THE HERO OF LIMERICK.

(Air. Patrick Sarsfield.)



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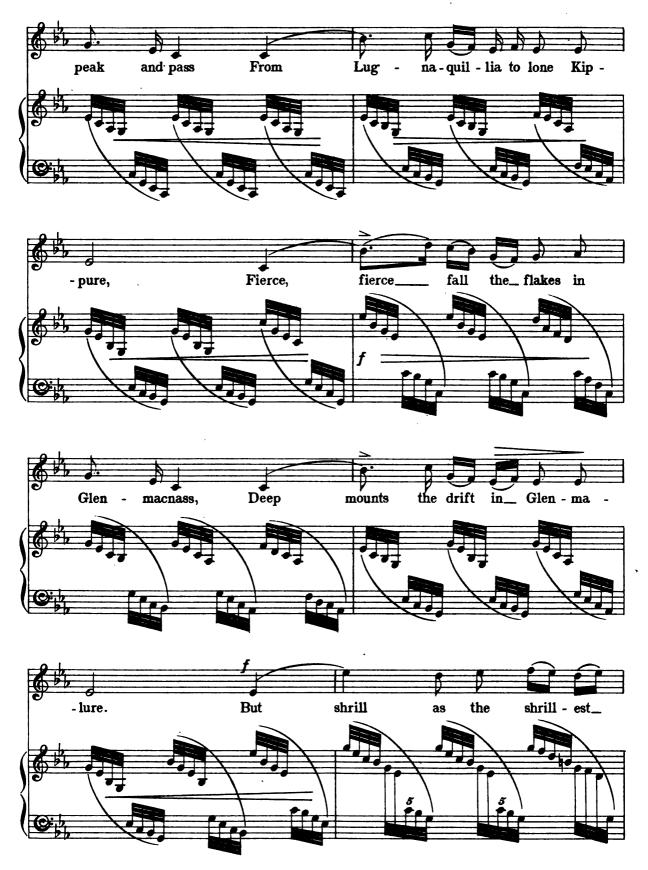


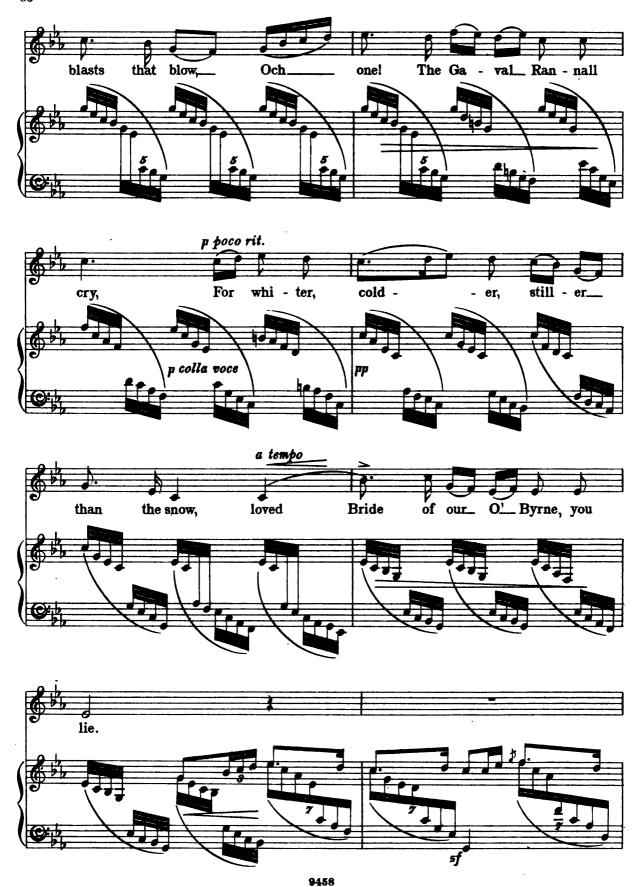
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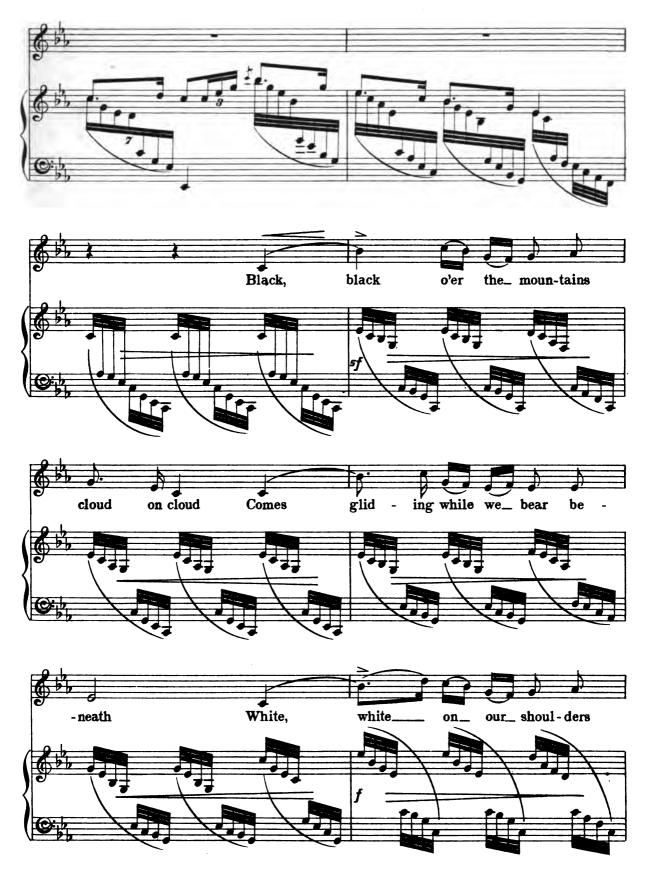
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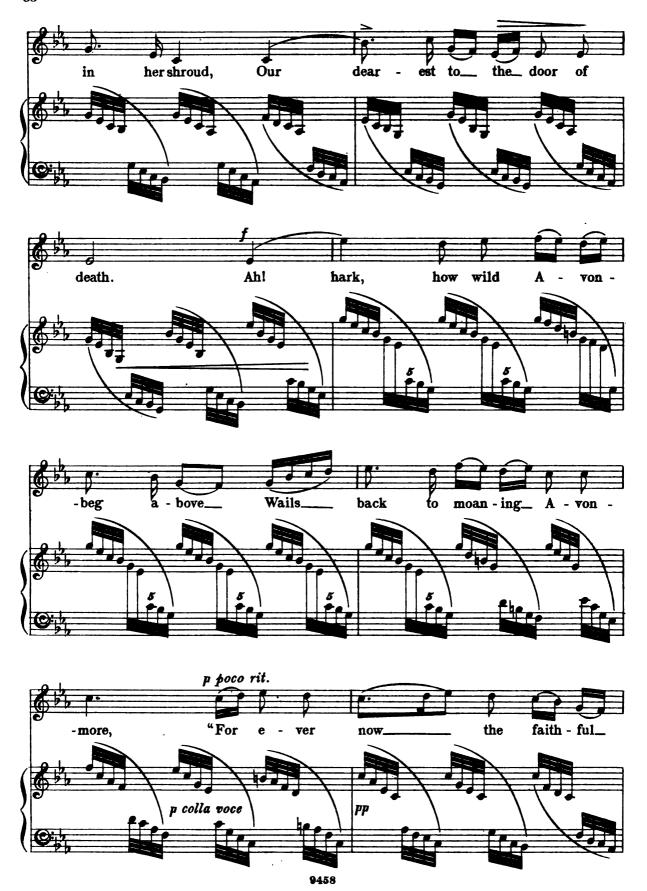


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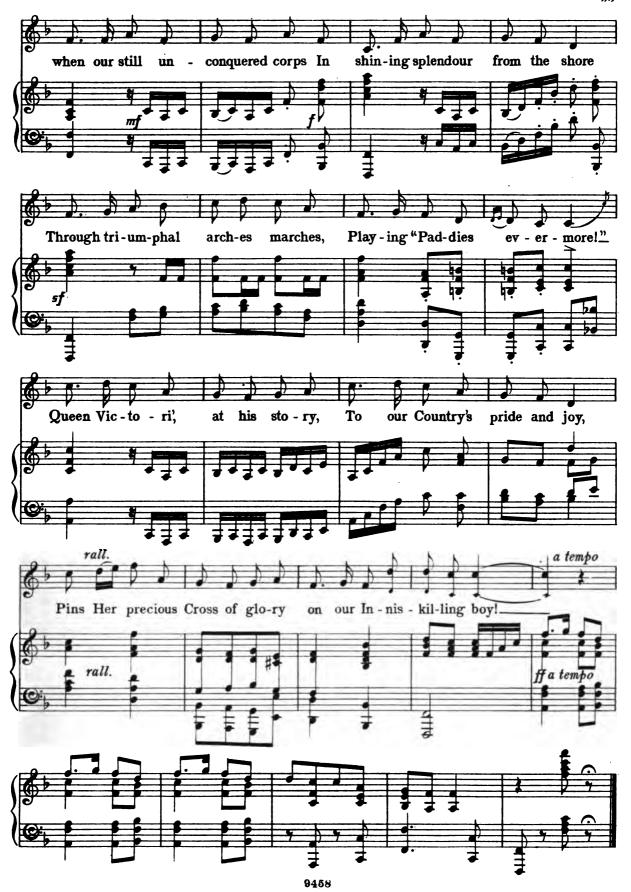
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(Air. Huish the Cat.)









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THE IRISH REEL.











MOLLEEN OGE.

(Air. I'm a young little girl.)



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BRIGHT LOVE OF MY HEART.



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MY COLLEEN RUE.

(Air. Red Regan and the Nun.)

John Keegan Casey. *)



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CHIEFTAIN OF TYRCONNELL.

(Air. A woman's lament.)







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